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To: Provider agencies who support individuals with developmental disabilities in Indiana

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Re: **Mandatory CPR Certification, Policy Reminder**

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The Bureau of Quality Improvement Services (BQIS), a program of the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), is committed to establishing standards and providing a framework for improving services for individuals with disabilities in Indiana. Based upon findings from mortality reviews, the BQIS Quality Improvement Executive Committee (QIEC) feels it important to issue this reminder regarding mandatory Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.

Title 460 of the Indiana Administrative Code, Article 6 (460 IAC 6) requires employees who work with individuals receiving disability services to be certified in CPR. Two entities, the **American Heart Association** and the **American Red Cross**, are nationally recognized CPR certification agents. Both require supervised skills practice and physical competency testing components administered by authorized trainers. BQIS surveyors and investigators will expect to find all CPR certification being completed by one of these two nationally accepted organizations, or one with similar national recognition that requires supervised physical skills practice and competency testing by the certifying entity's approved trainers.

Additionally, provider agencies are expected to have systems in place that continuously monitor the status of each of their employee's CPR certification. These systems should include triggers to identify employees who are not trained in CPR or whose CPR certification has expired. Employees whose training is not current are prohibited from working with any individual served by the agency (460 IAC 6).



Providing for the health and welfare of the individuals who rely on our system for support is critical. Incidents or surveys involving employees working directly with consumers when not current in CPR certification as described above will be handled in the same manner as any situation where a provider unnecessarily compromises an individual's health and welfare. Such incidents will be reviewed by BQIS for disposition and action as indicated.

RELATED RESOURCES

- American Heart Association website: <http://americanheart.org>
- American Red Cross website: <http://www.redcross.org/>

DDRS RESOURCES

- E-mail: BQIS@fssa.IN.gov or BDDSHelp@fssa.IN.gov
- DDRS Help Line (Toll free Indiana): 1-800-545-7763
- DDRS Website: <http://www.ddrs.IN.gov>
- Register to receive DDRS bulletins by Email: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3894.htm>
- Bulletin Archive: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3350.htm>

Thank you.

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